

## The Week in Vass

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tyson, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tyson and Miss Marie Tyson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Wallace of Carthage on Wednesday evening of last week at a dinner given by Mrs. Wallace in honor of her brother C. L.'s birthday.

The young people of the Manly Presbyterian church presented an interesting program on the evils of strong drink at the local Presbyterian church last Sunday evening before a large congregation. Special musical selections were pleasing features of the program.

W. B. Graham on last Sunday ended a thirteen-year term as superintendent of the Vass Methodist Sunday School and he will be succeeded next Sunday by W. H. Keith, who was elected at the fourth quarterly conference following Mr. Graham's request that a successor be named. Mr. Graham has been absent few Sundays during the thirteen years and he has served faithfully and well. Mr. Keith is a man of experience along this line and his selection is considered a wise one.

Friends here will be interested to know that Miss Dorothy Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Graham who went from this community to Ruffin, S. C., to make their home, was recently crowned queen of the county fair of Colleton county, S. C., and that Gerald Graham, a Vass boy, was one of the heralds of the queen. The queen received a handsome diamond ring.

Miss Ruth McNeill, Miss Elizabeth McNeill and Julian Leslie attended the Carolina-Duke game Saturday.

Misses Lois Buchanan and Katharine Graham were visitors to Raleigh Saturday.

Mrs. W. J. Cameron, Mrs. W. D. Matthews, Miss Sara Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Smith visited Mrs. Kishie Cameron at her home on Jonesboro route Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Cameron has been ill for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Thompson went to Charlotte Sunday to see their son-in-law, Roland Brown, who is critically ill in a hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Keith and Linwood visited Mrs. R. E. Patterson and family of Manly Sunday afternoon. Miss Sarah Patterson, who recently completed her course in nursing in a Richmond hospital, was at home for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron and family visited Mrs. Cameron's parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. McKay, in Buie's Creek last week-end.

W. B. Graham, W. D. Smith and M. M. Chappell attended the cotton meeting at the court house Monday afternoon.

Williamson Beasley and H. C. Livingstone were visitors to Apex a day last week.

Paul Gschwind and Charles Gschwind made a business trip to Glendon Monday.

### JACKSON SPRINGS

Miss Lucille Barbee spent the week-end in Thomasville.

Misses Beulah and Jessie Heywood and Leon Heywood of Hemp were guests of Mrs. B. L. Henderson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Barbee called on Mrs. H. C. Carter last week.

Mrs. H. C. Carter attended the dedication of the new Federal building in Charlotte Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Garrett and Eugene spent Sunday in Southern Pines with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woodruff.

Mrs. Henderlite has returned home from Southern Pines after a visit with her son, Fred.

Miss Lila McLeod of McBee, S. C., is spending some time with her uncle, K. A. McLeod.

Thomas Hurley of Fort Moultrie, S. C., was home for the week-end.

Several local residents attended the farmers' meeting in Carthage Monday.

Mrs. C. C. Sox and Miss Waldo Stubbs spent Tuesday in Biscoe with Mrs. Earl Skeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson spent Sunday with their family.

Sergeant L. M. Brookshire of Fort Bragg spent the week-end in town.

A large crowd attended the evangelistic meeting at the church last week. The meeting was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Crinkley of Hemp.

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## Moore County's Courthouse at Carthage



## Carthage, County Seat of Moore Created a Village 150 Years Ago

### Former Home of President Andrew Johnson Has Seen Erection of Four Courthouses

By Mrs. S. R. Smith

Carthage, county-seat of Moore county which is now 150 years old, having been created in 1784 by an act of the General Assembly in session in Hillsboro, has a history which dates almost as far back as that of the county itself, and a background of culture and tradition that sets it apart from the younger towns around it.

Cornelius Dowd, Archie Ray, William Barrett, a man by the name of McNeill and one named Saunders are said to have chosen the site for Carthage and the land, sixty acres, was procured from Richardson Feagin to whom it had been granted by the State, and in whose honor the place was for a time known as Feaginville.

The first court house, which according to tradition was constructed of hewn logs, was built in 1786. Around the year 1814 a second temple of justice was erected to take the place of the former and the new building was the first to stand in what is now the public square. It was known as the "red house." This, too, was a wooden building and rested on tall pillars with the floor twelve feet above the ground. Tradition has it that the pillars were used as hitching posts for the horses of those attending court and that the space under the building served as a meeting place for those who desired to stand around and converse on the important subjects of the day.

In 1837 the community was started into action by the collapse of the floor of the court house, which resulted in the injury of numerous persons, and the following year saw plans under way for the erection of a more durable building, one of brick construction. The contract was let to Dabney Cosby, who was to furnish the material and perform the labor for the sum of \$5,000. A paper prepared by the late Supreme Court Justice W. J. Adams of Carthage, from which much information for this article has been gleaned, says that just below the old Christian Kelly place, by the deliberate process of the ox's tread the clay was worked into the proper consistency, and there the bricks were moulded and dried.

**Destroyed by Fire**  
This building was ready for use in 1841 and met the requirements of the county until 1887, at which time it was enlarged. Two years later it was destroyed by fire and in it were consumed many valuable records which had accumulated during the more than a hundred years of the county's history.

The structure which succeeded this remained until it was razed to make way for the present stone building, the corner stone of which was laid in August 1, 1922.

Andrew Johnson, 17th president of the United States, is numbered among the men of fame who have claimed Carthage as their home. Johnson resided there for a while and worked as a tailor. 'Squire N. J. Muse, one of the town's older citizens who has a wealth of interesting facts stored away in his mind, recalls having heard that among Johnson's customers was one of the members of the well-known Tyson family, for whom he made two suits. Biographers record that Johnson was a "self-educated" man, but Mr. Muse has it that he "got his schooling from his wife." Johnson removed from Carthage to Tennessee, where he later was made Governor and was elected to other high offices in his adopted state before his occupancy of the White House.

The Carthage of today is a thriving town that has come through the recent economic strain with less real knowledge than any such thing existed in this section. Various kinds of manufacturing plants furnish employment for numbers of her people, and she draws a large trade from the upper section of the county as well as

### CARTHAGE

Mrs. F. H. Underwood, Mrs. E. H. Morton, Mrs. Dan Carter and Miss Rose Underwood spent Friday in Greensboro.

Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Spence and Miss Mary Worthy Spence attended a wedding in Raleigh Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Currie is doing nicely after an operation in Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte last Tuesday.

Miss Louise Williams and Miss Frances Purdy of Dunn spent the week-end in Carthage with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Morton.

L. W. Barlow of Richmond spent the week-end in Carthage with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Fagg and daughter, Dolores, left Sunday for Morristown, Tenn., where Mr. Fagg is a warehouseman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Spencer, Miss Mary Currie, W. H. Currie and E. H. Morton attended the Carolina-Duke football game in Chapel Hill Saturday.

Mrs. R. N. Page, Jr., of Aberdeen

from the territory nearer by, and the result is that her streets always present a scene of activity.

Good schools and churches and attractive homes combine to make Carthage a desirable place in which to live, and her "folksy" people add to the pleasure of those who visit the county seat.

spent a few days in Carthage last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Graves.

Mrs. W. G. Brown and Mrs. G. C. Graves spent Saturday in Chapel Hill with Mrs. Cabel Penn.

S. H. Miller is undergoing treatment in the Moore County Hospital.

Claude Kennedy of Durham spent the week-end with his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Stutts of Roanoke, Va., spent the week-end in Carthage with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stutts.

R. J. Hart of New Bern spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McKeithen.

The Rev. Albert Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, is holding a revival meeting at the Carthage Presbyterian Church.

Misses Mary Jackson Yow and Ruth McIver spent the week-end in Sanford.

Mrs. Dolph Blue entertained at dinner Thursday evening in honor of her niece, Mrs. Floyd Messemmer of Jonesboro. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. Messemmer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Blue and Miss Bess McCaskill.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Carter en-

tertained a number of their friends at a barbecue at the McConnell warehouse last Thursday evening. 250 guests were present.

The Carthage Woman's Club held its November meeting Thursday, Mrs. W. G. Brown, president, presiding. Mrs. R. P. Davidson, a winter resident of Knollwood and an active member of the club, had arranged a reading of Shakespeare's "Mid-Summer Nights Dream," for the benefit of the local girl scouts.

Mrs. Davidson is county chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call and urged a full quota for the year.

### BEWARE THE GYPSIES

Many complaints are reaching the sheriff's office about Gypsies who have been plying their nefarious trade in various sections and the citizens of the county are cautioned against having any dealings with these itinerants as they always get the big end of the bargain. If any groups of Gypsies should attempt to camp in the county, the sheriff will appreciate it if citizens will notify him.

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